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SUBJ: RV HERO CRUISES 75-2 AND 75-3

REF: A. NR 81 (NOTAL); B. BA 2036; C. NR 82; D. BA 2196

1. MIN PEREZ QUESADA CALLED THIS MORNING TO SAY THAT NAVY HAD ADVISED HIM THAT IT HAD LEARNED THAT HERO WOULD BE MAKING NUMBER OF LANDFALLS ALONG BEAGLE CHANNEL AND THAT THIS WOULD REQUIRE AUTHORIZATION OF OTHERS IN GOA. PEREZ QUESDADA THOUGHT INTERIOR MINISTRY WOULD BE ONES WHO SHOULD AUTHORIZE THIS. ACCORDINGLY NAVY NOT PERMITTING HERO TO SAIL ON CRUISE 75-2 ON APRIL 3 AS PRESENTLY PLANNED. NAVY HAS ALSO REMINDED PEREZ QUESADA ABOUT LAW ON MARINE RESEARCH IN ARGENTINE WATERS (BA A-129, 4/19/74).

2. FYI: DEPT AND NSG WILL RECALL THAT EMBASSY NOTE REQUESTING CLEARANCE BASED ON MINIMAL INFO CONTAINED IN BETZEL 2/10/75 LTR TO LE ROY AND THAT, AS REPORTED IN REF B, ADDITIONAL DATA PROVIDED REF A WAS NOT CONVEYED IN ANY FORMAL WAY SINCE WE WERE TOLD APPROVAL HAD BEEN GRANTED. EMBASSY REGRETS THIS MIXUP, WHICH DUE IN PART TO COMPLETE FAILURE LAST WEEK OF TELEPHONES IN AREA OF CITY WHERE NAVY HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE (SHN) IS LOCATED, THUS PREVENTING OUR PROVIDING REF A INFO TO SHN ON TIMELY BASIS.

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3. WE ARE PREPARING 2ND NOTE TO TRANSMIT REF A DATA ON

CRUISES 75-2 AND 75-3 TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND PLAN TO SEND COPIES TO SHN AND CONICET. OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMITTEE AS WELL. (LATTER WAS SUGGESTED BY YUNG, SHN, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PARTICIPATION BY INTERESTED ARGENTINES, PARTICULARLY ON 75-3).

4. COMMENT: UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS NOT AT ALL CLEAR THAT CRUISE 75-2 WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO DEPART AT A LATER DATE AND MAY HAVE TO BE SCRUBBED ENTIRELY. WE WOULD HOPE THAT 75-3 WILL BE ABLE TO GO ON SCHEDULE, HOWEVER. WE WILL ADVISE WHENEVER WE HAVE FURTHER NEWS FROM GOA. THIS INCIDENT CERTAINLY POINTS UP NEED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ARGENTINE LAWS TO EXTENT POSSIBLE FOR RESEARCH PLANNED IN ARGENTINE WATERS. WE WOULD IMAGINE THAT 180-DAY RULE CAN OFTEN BE RELAXED SOMEWHAT BUT CONSIDERABLE DETAIL ON PLANS MUST BE PROVIDED MUCH FARTHER IN ADVANCE THAN OCCURRED IN THIS CASE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) NSG PLEASE ADVISE H&N FOR HERO; LDGO; AND GEORGE WASHINGTON U. (B) DEPT PLEASE EXPEDITE REPLY TO REF D AS THIS COULD WELL BE CRUCIAL TO OUR EFFORTS TO REVIVE HERO CRUISE 75-2.

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